## SENATE BILL 2689

## By Beavers

AN ACT to amend Chapter 31 of the Private Acts of 2009; and any other acts amendatory thereto, relative to the charter for the town of Alexandria.

## BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Chapter 31 of the Private Acts of 2009, and any other acts amendatory thereto, is amended by deleting Section 2.01 and substituting instead the following:

## SECTION 2.01. <u>Election of Mayor and board of Aldermen.</u>

- (1) The Election Commission of DeKalb County, Tennessee, shall hold a municipal election for the purpose of electing a Mayor and three (3) Aldermen on the first Thursday in August 2018 who shall hold office for a term ending on the first Thursday of August 2022, or until their successors are elected and qualified. At the municipal election on the first Thursday in August 2020, there shall be an election for three (3) Aldermen who shall hold office for a term ending on the first Thursday of August 2024, or until their successors are elected and qualified. Any elector who has been a resident of the City for at least one (1) year may be qualified as a candidate by a nominating petition submitted to the DeKalb County Election Commission at such time and manner as determined by the general laws of the State of Tennessee. The Mayor and Aldermen shall be elected at large.
- (2) Each elector shall be entitled to vote for three (3) candidates for Alderman in any regular municipal election. Each elector shall be entitled to cast one (1) vote for Mayor in the August 2018 regular election and every four (4) years thereafter.

(3) The terms of office of Mayor and all Aldermen shall commence at 12:01 p.m. on the next day following their elections, and they shall serve until their successors have been elected and qualified. No informality shall invalidate such an election, provided it is conducted fairly and in substantial conformity with the requirements of this Charter and the general election laws of the state.

SECTION 2. Nothing in this act shall be construed as having the effect of removing any incumbent from office or abridging the term of any official prior to the end of the term for which such official was elected.

SECTION 3. This act shall have no effect unless it is approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the legislative body of the town of Alexandria. Its approval or nonapproval shall be proclaimed by the presiding officer of the legislative body and certified to the secretary of state.

SECTION 4. For the purpose of approving or rejecting the provisions of this act, it shall be effective upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it. For all other purposes, it shall become effective as provided in Section 3.